



Message from Cllr George Sharpley - Chairman

Have you been affected by poor services?

Drainage? Water Supply? Transport?

Are you suffering from anti-social behaviour?

This can take various forms, e.g.

- ❖ Dangerous driving.
- ❖ Litter.
- ❖ Dog waste: failure to dispose of this is unpleasant for everyone.
- ❖ Dogs left in properties to bark is often a sign of poor treatment of the dog, and of course has a detrimental effect on the community.
- ❖ Noisy and abusive neighbours: they are unpleasant for anyone living within earshot. The perpetrators are typically stupid, selfish and arrogant individuals, who will seek to get away with whatever they can. By acting together we can put a stop to that.

Twigworth Parish Council comprises local unpaid volunteers, who have little jurisdiction.

However, what we can do – and have done many times in the past – is apply pressure on the relevant authorities who have more clout; and that works best when there's widespread support for such measures among the community.

In the twenty-five years I have been active in village affairs, we've had all sorts of issues to deal with, including a lethal fire and flood at an illegal chemical waste business in Sandhurst.

The community came together in the aftermath and the rogue site was soon closed.

Whether it's **poor services** or **anti-social behaviour**,
let's work together!

Email me with your issue, and tell me the precise location and nature of the problem.

There will be a meeting one evening later in the summer.

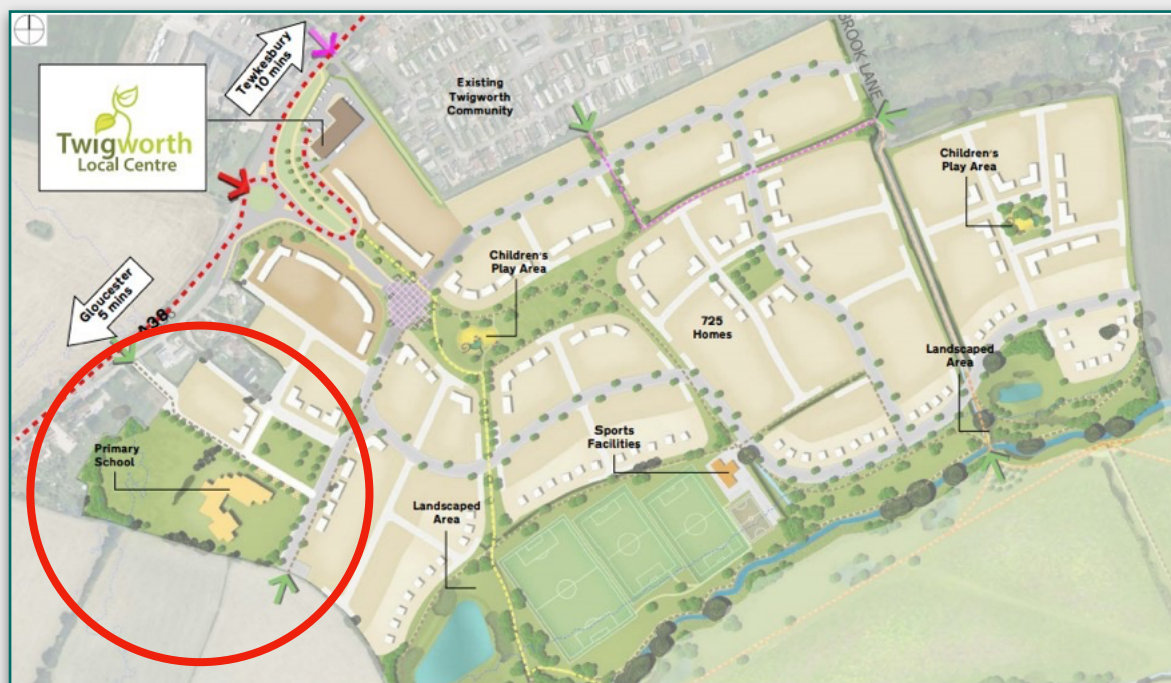
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Twigworth Green - Proposed Primary School

Outline planning permission was approved for a mixed use development comprising demolition of existing buildings; up to 725 dwellings and a local centre of 1 acre; **primary school**, open space, landscaping, parking and supporting infrastructure and utilities, was granted by the Planning Inspectorate, following an appeal, in December 2017.



Following an enquiry about the proposed school at Twigworth Green, Cllr Redfern, received a reply from the Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Director of Education.... it reads...

"The scale of the development (725 homes) at Twigworth Green will generate the need for 210 places (1 Form Entry).

As part of the original negotiations with the developer, GCC secured an additional parcel of land which will enable the school to expand by a further 0.5 FE (105 places) which will meet the school places need to in the future.

The timeline for any school expansion is based on our data driven forecasts around birth rates, child yields from new housing etc, and is in line with the Department for Education requirements.

The latest planning area forecasts show the LA will need to plan for the school to be in place by 2028 to meet the additional demand.

GCC are in the final phases of securing the site from the developer and in the late summer/ autumn of this year will start to plan for how the site will be developed for the school.

As part of the progress of the scheme officers will engage with local stakeholders to share updates on progress.

As with all the LA's new schemes, GCC officers will also hold some public engagement events to share plans of the proposals and seek feedback prior to formally submitting a planning application. No dates are set yet for these, but be assured officers will be liaising with stakeholders early in this process.

Council Cabinet approval will be required to progress the proposals.

We would be looking to take the proposal to cabinet at the end of 2025 - early 2026...."

How our community of Twigworth is changing!

In 2020, there were approximately 380 residents living in Twigworth, with the community stretched out along the A38... fast forward to 2025.... there are now in excess of 1000 residents with their families living here, with the increase predominantly in Twigworth Green and Fallow Fields, the village now has a centre.

Following recent social media posts and incidents that have occurred within our community, we thought it prudent to restate our values, of what we believe it takes to be part of a welcoming community.

In a welcoming and inclusive community, all residents feel safe, respected, and comfortable expressing themselves.

This includes having a sense of belonging and being able to participate fully in community life, it's a place where people can be themselves, regardless of their background or identity.

Here's a more detailed look at what's welcomed:

- Safety and Respect: everyone feels safe and respected, allowing them to express themselves freely
- Inclusion: the community embraces diversity and ensures all residents, from whatever background, can participate fully
- Belonging: people feel a sense of belonging and connection with others
- Community Participation: residents have access to democratic spaces and can shape community priorities
- Positive Attitudes: a welcoming culture is one where people have a positive attitude towards newcomers of all backgrounds
- Friendly and Helpful: people are friendly, helpful, and hospitable



How to make a Community welcoming:

- Smile and be friendly: a simple smile can go a long way in making someone feel welcome
- Be inclusive: ensure that everyone, regardless of their background, feels included
- Respect differences: be mindful of and respectful of differences in others
- Support local organisations: get involved and support local organisations that contribute to the community
- Share food and resources: sharing food or other resources to those in need, can foster a sense of community



Let us build this community together - today!

Whats all the fuss about?

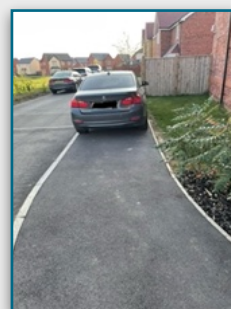
This is where the article starts to get negative but unfortunately, this is what the majority of residents are having to endure because of those who don't seem to be able to conform to the normal standards of community living at Twigworth Green.

Anti-social behaviour is at the core of the issues... here are some examples

- Speeding drivers on roads throughout residential areas, with no regard to other road users, residents, children, elderly residents, cyclists...etc
- Dog owners who fail to accept the responsibility of owning a dog, picking up their dog poo and disposing of it correctly, without adding to an already full bin!
- Excessive barking from dogs on daily basis



- Abusive behaviour aimed at causing distress or fear to certain people, e.g. elderly or disabled people, and verbal abuse, including children racially abusing residents
- Youngsters targeting and intimidating residents by door knocking and running away
- Youngsters riding electric bikes tearing up footpaths and the landscaped areas
- When walking around the estate, there is a distinct smell of drugs from properties and in some instances, individuals actually smoking weed in the public areas



- Cars parked at road junctions and where the roads bend
- Cars fully parked on pavements blocking access for pedestrians, including children, disabled and parents with prams
- Littering public areas including the main bus stop with beer bottles, cans and other litter

The majority of houses now have video doorbells or CCTV, which capture all these anti-social behaviour incidents in great detail.

Residents experiencing antisocial behaviour can report it to their local council, landlord (if applicable), or the police; they can also form or join resident's groups, such as Neighbourhood Watch scheme, or participate in community social media to prevent crime.

Reporting Antisocial Behaviour:

- Report the antisocial behaviour to the Tewkesbury Borough Council (housing, environmental health, or an antisocial behaviour team)
- If the antisocial behaviour is occurring in social housing, report it to the landlord.
- Police - Call 999 for emergencies or 101 for non-emergency reports.
- If you prefer to remain anonymous, you can report the antisocial behaviour to Crimestoppers
- Maintain a detailed record of incidents, including dates, times, and descriptions.

Say NO to ASB

Make our Community Safer - Its where we ALL live!

Dog Waste Bins - Twigworth Green

I am sure that the residents will be fed up of reading yet another report from me about the issues of dog waste bins here at Twigworth Green and they would be quite right to be fed up, I make no apology about it until we get this resolved for everyone once and for all.

Despite many months of me contacting both Vistry & Gateway over the dog waste bin issues, the residents of Twigworth Green are still having to endure the regular unsightly mess of overflowing dog waste bins.

There is no excuse for this, either from the dog owners who are responsible for the mess in the first place, notwithstanding that both Vistry and Gateway have failed to address the inadequate bin capacity and servicing problems.

However, as a step forward, Vistry have just confirmed to me, that ALL dog waste bins (red) have now been transferred to GATEWAY; we are just waiting for Gateway to confirm their servicing frequency.

The main issues are:

1. Dog Owners not taking their dog waste home to dispose of it, or, finding another bin, when a dog waste bin is full
2. Dog Waste Bins at specific locations are of insufficient capacity and/or not being serviced regularly - should be at least weekly
3. Frequency of servicing is inconsistent, this has been irregular or missed altogether
4. Although there is a very large dog population at Twigworth Green, the problem is not solely of the residents own making either, as there are now many dog owners who now regularly visit this area from other parts of Twigworth, Down Hatherley, Innsworth and Longford
5. Unfortunately, it is the Twigworth Green residents that have the responsibility for paying for this service, out of their Management Fee

The Twigworth Parish Council have discussed the specific issues with dog waste bin #6 and agreed that this bin should be at least doubled in capacity by purchasing a new bin using the S106 Fund Allocations for this purpose.



This should not present any increase in cost to residents, the existing bin could also be re-utilised in one of the new proposed areas.

The Clerk of the Parish Council is currently awaiting a response from the Tewkesbury Borough Council

The Parish Council are determined to resolve these issues so that residents have a service that works for them.

Cllr. John Redfern

Announcement - Twigworth Green FC



The Stroud & District Football League have confirmed their constitution for the 2025/26 season, with more regionalised divisions and new teams joining the league.



Some of you may have already spotted the name in the Stroud & District Football League Divisions... and YES... it's official... Twigworth Green FC (TGFC) has been accepted into the league!

TGFC are proud to bring a brand new football club to the heart of our growing community here in Twigworth, the club has been created to give local people the chance to come together, play, support, and be part of something from the very beginning.

TGFC are starting with one senior team this season, but their plans are bigger... and they are laying the foundations for a club that will soon offer youth football and opportunities for all ages.

TGFC be playing their first season on the 4G pitch at Plock Court. Pre-season training has already started, so if you're interested in going along, just fill out the form using the link below and they will be in touch.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577198291625>

TGFC have already got a good number of players signed on but there's still space for more, if you're local, love the game, and want to be part of a proper community club, they would love to hear from you.

TGFC thank everyone who has supported the idea so far.

If you need any further information or want to get involved in any aspect of the club please send a private message or email: bgoddardjones@gmail.com

STROUD & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE - CONSTITUTION FOR THE 2025-26 SEASON			
DIVISION ONE	DIVISION TWO	DIVISION THREE (N)	DIVISION THREE (S)
Abbeymead Rovers Chalford Res Dursley Town Res Gala Wilton Res Horsley United Minchinhampton Old Richians Shortwood United Res Stratton United Stroud United Taverners Tetbury Town Tuffley Rovers Res Wotton Rovers	Brimscombe & Thrupp Res Brockworth Albion Res Cam Bulldogs Dursley Town 3rds Hardwicke Res Kingswood Longlevens 3rds Minety Randwick Sharpness Res Sherston Town Siddington Athletic Tuffley Rovers 3rds Upton St Leonards	Barnwood United Res Boss FC Cotswold Rangers Hardwicke 3rds Kings Stanley Res Leonard Stanley Longlevens 4ths Mavericks Quedgeley Wanderers Res Rising Stars Stonehouse Town 3rds	Cam Everside Wanderers Chalford 3rds Charfield Res Frampton United 3rds Longlevens 5ths Minchinhampton Res Rodborough Old Boys Res Sharpness 3rds Stratton United Res Tetbury Town Res Uley
DIVISION FOUR (N)	DIVISION FOUR (S)	DIVISION FIVE (N)	DIVISION FIVE (S)
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Next Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 3rd July 2025

19:00 - 21:00

Down Hatherley Village Hall

Parish Council meetings are open to the public if you wish to hear what's going on in and around Twigworth or to raise any issues or ideas.

In Short

Disappointedly we had no volunteers step forward to form a Litter Picking Team - if any residents want to pursue this, visit <https://tewkisbury.gov.uk/services/environmental-health/volunteer-litter-picking/>

Cllr Redfern has a meeting with the Vistry Site Manager in July, if there are any issues or concerns that residents would like answers to, which are not on the current list, please contact me: cllrredfern.twigworthpc@gmail.com